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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 2504

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PN PFOR UN KS KN

SUBJ: RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA.

1) SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT  
GOP AND NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WHICH IS VISITING  
PANAMA WILL MAKE A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT MAY 3 THAT THEY  
ARE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. EMBASSY OFFICER  
SUBSEQUENTLY WAS INFORMED BY PANAMANIAN OFFICIAL THAT  
VICE MINISTER OZORES AND NORTH KOREAN VICE MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN RELATIONS KIM YONG TAEK, WILL MAKE A JOINT  
DECLARATION HERE ON THE MORNING OF MAY 3 THAT PANAMA  
WOULD "RECOGNIZE" NORTH KOREA.

2) NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION ARRIVED IN PANAMA APRIL 26  
AND, ACCORDING TO THE SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE, HAD SOUGHT  
TWICE APPOINTMENTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TACK AND  
VICE MINISTER OZORES BUT HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. ALSO  
PRESIDENT LAKAS HAD REFUSED TO MEET WITH THEM. HOWEVER,  
ON APRIL 30, APPARENTLY USING MARDEN TORRIJOS AS  
INTERMEDIARY, THEY MET FOR 15 MINUTES WITH  
GENERAL TORRIJOS WHO AGREED TO GRANT RECOGNITION  
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AND, PERHAPS, ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH

NORTH KOREA.

3) SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT  
COLONEL SUAREZ, THE NATIONAL GUARD'S G-5 TO SEEK HIS  
ASSISTANCE IN REVERSING THE DECISION AND HAS ASKED  
USG'S ASSISTANCE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS  
AS TO WHETHER I SHOULD SEEK TO PERSUADE PANAMANIAN  
NOT TO TAKE THIS STEP.

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